

MA HAS STRONG CASE

Arguments for the Admission of the Territory as Given.

WILSON THROWS OUT PROPOSITION.

Health Has Experienced Unprecedented Population and Wealth the Past Year Over a Half Acres of Land Taken by Homesteaders and Eighty-nine Railroad Built During Past

Dec. 15.—"The Yag will not be complete fields of blue is placed report of Governor T. B. Oklahoma, made public report adds: 100,000 people, \$540,000,000 property, the major portion expenses bestowed upon the past year, with an unprecedented advance in all lines of enterprise, it is progress should give the exercise in full the American citizens."

of the growth of the territory says: immigration to Oklahoma past year has been quite over a million and a half land has been taken by homesteaders. This alone increase in population of 10,000 people. The of the buyers of farm were homesteaders from other immigration is placed at 10,000, made up of "people energetic, with some capital, with education, with an of religious and social life, morally and physically become some of the best of the future state of Oklahoma."

increase in the assessment property in the territory is \$1,474,661, and that of the roads at \$1,354,315. Six and eighty-nine miles of railroad built in the territory during the past year, and "the only bonded ever incurred by the (H.R.) has been paid off interest some 26 years was due."

IDENTIFIED. become Mrs. Chadwick as an ex-convict.

Dec. 15.—Mrs. F. M. of Columbus, formerly an of the woman's department subsidiary, called at the jail recognized Mrs. Chadwick Devere, who served a term Mrs. Kinsinger's mother, who was formerly matron, also identified the prisoner, Devere.

had a Statement. Dec. 15.—Mrs. Chadwick a restful night in jail. She until after 8, consulted this morning and concluded she will soon statement that she startle the

Chadwick is in Paris. Dec. 15.—Despite the state- Mrs. Chadwick that her husband called for America, Dr. is still here. He said, how- was his intention to return

PART OF ARIZONA. introduces Bill for Annexation to Utah.

Dec. 15.—Senator today introduced a bill providing for the annexation of Arizona to Utah of the Colorado river.

of Arizona affected is 100 miles in area. It is of the Grand Canyon, and on inaccessibility to authori- Arizona. It is said it now a haven for criminals.

Killed a Fireman. Dec. 15.—The Bur- fast mail jumped the of Bristol, Ill., early this morning, wrecking the train. Killing Fireman Oscar and seriously injuring Fireman Cowdry. Brakemen and six others were injured. Cause not

TO CHANGE FISHING LAWS.

Lower River Men Opposed to Sunday Closing of Fishing.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 15.—A call was issued today for a meeting of all the fishermen on the Columbia river, to be held in this city on next Tuesday afternoon.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider proposed changes in the fishing laws of the states of Washington and Oregon at the next sessions of the legislatures. The particular object they desire to obtain is that there shall not be a closed fishing day on Sundays. Their actual working season is of short duration, and it is difficult for the fishermen to hold their men together, and if they were given a Sunday holiday it would be necessary to hire a new crew nearly every Monday.

NOT QUITE CIVILIZED.

Half-breed's Close Imitation of Educated Methods.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—With a charge of burglary against her, Mrs. Minna Parpitt, a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and a graduate of the Carlisle School for Indians, is held at the city prison. She is accused of entering a room at 827 Howard street and, after extracting \$35 from a purse that was placed under the lodger's pillow, turning on the gas to asphyxiate her victim. The roomer was Peter Koulouritis, and he was rescued from the improvised death chamber in an unconscious condition.

Mosquito Exterminators.

New York, Dec. 15.—The second annual convention of the National Mosquito Extermination Society will be held in this city tomorrow and Friday. The object of the convention is the education of the people as to killing the insects, possible legislation toward their slaughter, and co-operation in getting the country rid of the insects. Specimens of all kinds will be exhibited, together with the small fish that are active in destroying the larvae.

Serious Ohio Drouth.

Columbus, O., Dec. 15.—Drouth has lowered the Scioto river to a low stage, and the river from which Columbus secures its water supply is today frozen solid. The superintendent today issued a warning to the people to hoard their water supply.

OIL FIELD IS VOLCANO TORN

AN EXTRAORDINARY AND WASTEFUL PHENOMENON.

Five Wells Explode and Thousands of Acres of Oil Lands Are Torn and Flashed and Abandoned, the Loss Being Total—Piping From a Depth of a Thousand Feet to a Height of a Thousand Feet—The People Are Fleeing.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 15.—The Humble oil fields, 17 miles north of this city, are a total wreck, due to subterranean convulsions, which turned the deep wells into veritable volcanoes. Some of the stones, mud and lava were hurled 1000 feet into the air and fell over a territory of a mile in all directions. The destruction of property is almost total and will reach \$50,000.

People fled from the field when the outbreak began, which was preceded by a terrible rumbling, and sought shelter as best they could from the rain of stone and mud. Clouds of phosphorescent vapors enveloped the field, giving it the appearance of a whole town wrapped in flames. Detonations like the roar of cannon could be heard 10 miles away.

Derricks were torn to atoms and machinery shattered. Great fissures opened in the earth and from them mud and vapors issued. Work was in progress at five wells yesterday morning when the upheaval came.

The earth suddenly shook, all the holes seem to turn themselves wrong side out and the deep wells became veritable volcanoes. Pipes that were 1000 feet in the earth were hurled from the ground and twisted to fragments.

To Reclaim Idaho Desert.

Since the last report the state has entered into contracts with the following companies for the purpose of reclaiming desert lands under the Carey act, to-wit:

- The Twin Falls Land & Water Co., covering 244,025.98 acres.
- The Canyon Canal Co., covering 5825 acres Carey land.
- The Canyon Canal Co., covering 6000 acres state land.
- The Glenn's Ferry Land & Irrigation Co., Ltd., covering 18,000 acres.
- The Mullins Canal & Reservoir Co., covering 65,000 acres.
- The Marysville Canal & Improvement Co., covering 6605 acres—Boise Capital News.

At Boise \$2500 has been paid for a site for a new school house to be erected this winter.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE MEETS

The Most Important Session in the History of the Organization.

ALL THE MAGNATES OF BASEBALL IN 'FRISCO.

An Acrimonious Debate Is Propheesied—Possible Rearrangement and Division of the Circuit Is in Sight. Demanded by Certain California Circuits—Spokane Is on Hand With a Full List of Demands—Larger Circuit Is Unpopular—Bert Will Be Re-elected President Beyond Any Question.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The annual meeting of the Pacific Coast League's first session, which will be held tonight, promises to be the most important in the history of the organization. All the magnates are in the city, each primed with propositions of a nature that will demand a thorough thrashing out.

The awarding of the pennant will be a fruitful topic of discussion, and may resolve itself into an acrimonious debate. What President Wertz's decision in the matter will be he refuses to make known, but admits it will undoubtedly result in considerable warm talk.

The next most important subject is the possible rearrangement of the circuit. The disposition of a part of the California clubs is to break away from the northern cities by giving their own additional support. This is confirmed by the appearance of delegations from San Jose and Fresno, who are anxious to have clubs in their cities, either as members of an eight-club circuit, or as the successor of the northern cities.

The Spokane delegation is working hard to get one of the northern franchises, or a place in the eight-club circuit. A larger circuit is not meeting with much favor, but the sentiment is not yet sufficiently crystallized to forecast the action of the magnates.

Talk of trades is not yet begun. Bert, who undoubtedly will be elected to succeed himself, expects the meeting to last four or five days.

SEVASTOPOL IS AFLOAT.

Japanese Torpedo Boat Attacking Her Is Missing.

Tokio, Dec. 15.—Further details of the torpedo attacks upon the battleship Sevastopol are received: "One torpedo boat is still missing, the remainder returned in safety. The Sevastopol's bow yesterday had sunk three feet from 11:30, December 14, to 2 o'clock this morning. The torpedo boats kept up an incessant attack on the Sevastopol, the torpedo boat Orvany and the commissary ship. Details are not yet reported, but at 9 this morning the observation station reports the Sevastopol's bow has further sunk and the torpedo tube is submerged completely."

Sevastopol Afloat.

Tokio, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Port Arthur announces definitely that the Sevastopol has been damaged, but is still afloat.

Japanese Cruiser Ashore.

Chefoo, Dec. 15.—It is reported a Japanese cruiser is ashore in Yang-ching Bay, 63 miles southeast of Chefoo.

A MORMON OATH.

"Retribution Obligation" Taken in Endowment House.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The retribution obligation taken by the Mormons in the endowment house ceremony, as quoted this morning by J. W. Ludstrom, a witness in the Smoot proceedings, is as follows:

"Oh, God, eternal father, we ask the blessing of the church and holy priesthood to help us keep they covenants, and that all that raise hands against this church be accursed forever. That vengeance be visited upon the nation for the blood of Joseph Smith."

Ludstrom declared his separation from the church arose from a discrepancy between the late and early revelations of the prophets. "Has your throat ever been cut?" asked Senator McComas. "Not yet," answered the witness cheerfully.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—May wheat opened \$1.09 1/2, closed \$1.10 1/2. Corn opened 44 1/2, closed 45. Oats opened 20 1/2, closed 21 1/2.

Tannery Burned.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—Fire this morning destroyed the plant of the Hamilton County Anchor Tannery. Loss, \$100,000.

ANNUAL REPORT SECY. DUNBAR

Would Pay Long List of Expenditures From the General Fund of the State.

PLAN WOULD SIMPLIFY THE STATE'S ACCOUNTS.

Probability That the Revenue for All Purposes Needed by the State During 1905 Will Exceed \$1,000,000—Recommends the Removal of the Mute School—Commends the Inheritance Tax Law and Recommends a Gross Earnings Tax on Quasi-Public Business—Would Amend the Census Law.

Salem, Dec. 15.—In his annual report, Secretary of State Dunbar suggests the abolishment of the agricultural college and various other funds, and that the amounts be arranged so that they can be paid out of the general fund at any time. He finds objection in that these funds have to be always on hand while other funds are out of money.

"A multiplicity of funds," he says, "is a source of extra work frequently holding up money needed for other purposes, and when disbursed through other channels than this office, as other expenses of the state government, they are not always accounted for."

Among his estimates for the expenses of the state government during the coming two years there appears \$20,000 for state fair premium list, and all the general expenses as provided by law, and he says, "while the estimated amount of revenue required for state purposes for the year 1905 to be apportioned January next cannot be foretold with any absolute certainty, the probabilities are that it will exceed \$1,000,000, due principally to the necessity of providing for the remainder of the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition and to deficiencies in the appropriation for expenses of the asylum and penitentiary, and for public printing for the year 1903 and 1904, and to a smaller amount of receipts from miscellaneous sources."

Mr. Dunbar says:

"The removal of the mute school from its present location to the corporate limits of the city has been urged, the estimated expenses of which, for new buildings and furnishings, is \$70,000, and it is proposed that the buildings now used by the school will be converted to an institution for the care of feeble-minded children, or a reformatory for female juvenile offenders."

In a discussion of the Eddy corporation law which Secretary Dunbar commends, he suggests a law providing for the dissolution of corporations that have ceased doing business, by proclamation of the governor.

Dunbar commends the inheritance tax law, and says that it is working satisfactorily. Of insurance laws he says:

"I respectfully invite your attention to section 3724 of our statutes, which provides that 'All orders or secret societies and other benevolent, fraternal, co-operative societies, associated or incorporated for the sole purpose of mutual protection and relief of members only, and for the payment of stipulated sums of money to the families of deceased members, or for property of its members only, destroyed by fire, and not for profit, are hereby declared not to be fire or life insurance companies in the sense and meaning of the insurance laws of the state, and are exempt from the provisions of all insurance laws.' This is a cloak which is being used to cover impracticable schemes and to keep upon our citizens false societies organized solely for the benefit of those formulating the plan. Many inquiries are received for information in regard to the standing of this class of companies, which the department is unable to furnish."

Secretary Dunbar renews his recommendations for the enactment of a franchise or gross earnings tax on quasi-public corporations. In this connection he says:

"A study of the question has led me to the conclusion, however, that the method adopted by other states requiring such companies to pay a tax upon their gross earnings, the same as insurance companies are now required under our statutes, would be a much more simple and better plan and more readily understood and easily complied with."

"It is proper, also, in this connection, that attention should be called to the fact that companies owning and operating dining and buffet cars and steamboats, while engaged in carrying passengers within the state, sell liquor without obtaining a county or state license. As a measure for increasing the state's revenue, I respectfully suggest that this matter be inquired into."

The attention of the legislature is

called to the fact that the law requires that a census be taken in 1905, and that if the statute referred to is adhered to strictly there will be much information left out of the census that should be gathered for the benefit of the state.

NATIONAL ISSUE.

Episcopal Opinion of the Negro Question in America.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—American sovereignty and progress of church work in the Philippines were praised, the negro question was declared to have shifted from a Southern to a national one, to be dealt with accordingly, and the good and bad conditions of life in Chicago have been depicted in strong terms by speakers at a great mass meeting of Chicago Episcopalians held at the Auditorium.

Fully 4000 persons, laymen and clergy, attended the meeting, which was held in the interest of Episcopal church extension at home and abroad.

MAY PROSECUTE LAWSON.

Standard Oil Will Even Up With the Bostonian.

New York, Dec. 15.—It is told in the general financial district today that Standard Oil interests are planning a prosecution of Lawson under the statutes providing punishment for circulating false rumors about the stock market. The punishment is a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment for not more than three years, or both.

Rumored Assassination.

London, Dec. 15.—The rumor is current on the Stock Exchange that Thomas Lawson, of Boston, has been assassinated.

Lawson Denies It.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Thomas Lawson denies the London rumor of assassination and says, "I am not completely assassinated yet."

New Spanish Cabinet.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—General Azcaraga today confirmed the report that he had been asked to form a new cabinet. Senor Maura, the retiring premier, has promised him his support.

TWENTY CHILDREN AND THREE TEAMS

INTO ELK RIVER WITH A SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

Fell Sixty Feet Upon the Ice, Which Gave Way—Several Were Drowned and Many Injured, and the Driver of a Team Is Missing—Two Children Die of Shock After Being Taken From the Water.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The suspension bridge over Elk river collapsed this morning, carrying down a number of school children. Three bodies have been recovered. Three teams on the bridge were drowned, the drivers escaping.

Twenty Children and Three Teams.

Twenty children and three teams were precipitated 60 feet. The ice broke and the children struggled frantically in the freezing water. All but two were rescued. Minnie Higgenbotham, aged 11, and Ray Humphreys, aged 12, died when taken from the water. Several were injured. Woods, a driver, is missing. It is thought his body is under the ice.

1905 WOOL SALES.

\$156,000 Worth Contracted for in One Day.

Enterprise, Or., Dec. 15.—Wool in this county has begun to move in earnest. R. C. Mays, who is buying for S. Koshland & Co., of San Francisco, last night closed the contracts with the sheepmen of this place for 1,000,000 pounds of wool. As a result, the sheepmen, as well as other business men of this place are in a happy mood today, rejoicing in the fact that they have a "clinch" on 16 cents a pound for their 1905 wool clip.

Regardless of the fact that there are two other buyers in the field, Mays is getting all the wool, neither of the other buyers having been able to secure a pound of wool so far.

On the sales made last night, Mays turned over to the sheepmen of this vicinity \$25,000, this being one-third of the contract price of the wool. This amount will relieve the sheepmen to a great extent, as money is always very scarce with them at this time of the year, and they are often compelled to borrow at a high rate of interest.

By tomorrow Mays expects to have the entire clip of the county contracted for, which will amount to about 2,000,000 pounds.

Owing to the fact that he apparently has the confidence of every sheepman in this section there seems to be small chance of any other company than Koshland's securing much wool in this county next year.

DENVER SPRINGS NEW SENSATION

Charges of Rank and Vicious Partisanship Against United States Senators.

PATTERSON AND TELLER ARE THICK IN THE FRAY.

They Are Accused of Neglecting Official Duties to "Fight for Democratic Crooks Now on Trial"—They Come Back With a Stiff Defense of Their Action and With Retaliatory Charges Against the Republican Manipulators—Supreme Court in Session.

Denver, Dec. 15.—A political sensation is caused by the flooding of the city with circulars charging Senators Patterson and Teller with "neglecting their duties in Washington in order to remain in Denver and fight for the democratic crooks now on trial in the supreme court," and calling upon them to resign because of frauds in the elections at which the legislature which sent them to Washington was chosen.

In a signed statement this morning Patterson says: "Teller is here because of the illness of Mr. Teller, Jr." He charges the republicans with conspiracy to rob Governor-elect Adams of his seat, steal the senate and pack the supreme court for corporation purposes.

He concluded he could do more good in Denver than in Washington, by adding to defeat the conspiracy.

Supreme Court Hears Contempt Cases.

Denver, Dec. 15.—The supreme court this morning resumed the hearing of the contempt cases against election officials. Police Captain Lee, charged with fraud in precinct 2, was discharged because of lack of evidence.

BATTLESHIP EXPLOSION.

Four Men Killed by Blowing Out of a Manhole.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Three workmen were blown to death by an explosion on the battleship Massachusetts off League Island this afternoon.

Later—Four were killed and two probably fatally injured. They were making repairs in the engine room when a manhole blew out.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

Chicago Millionaire Will Put Up for Their Defense.

San Bernardino, Dec. 15.—Sidney Jarvis and Arthur Schwinkler, supposed Santa Fe train robbers and murderers of Express Messenger Roberts, were arrested Tuesday in San Francisco and arraigned here today. The preliminary examination is set for Tuesday next and they are held without bonds. The fate of the prisoners hinges on the testimony of the fireman. The sheriff believes they are the right men.

The suspects are employees of F. J. Mackey, the Chicago millionaire, who promises plenty of money for the defense. Mackey arrived today.

NO LODGE DOCTORS.

Unprecedented Action by Sonoma County Doctors.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 15.—Sonoma County Medical Society has decided there shall be no more lodge doctors in the county. The resolution as adopted takes effect January 5. The members will suffer expulsion to do lodge work any more.

This will probably have the effect of raising sick benefits in many lodges which are now in the habit of furnishing medical services to members free. The matter has created a sensation in lodge circles.

FOR TWO NEW STATES.

Senate Committee Recommends Omnibus Measure.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee has reported favorably the statehood bill admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one state and Oklahoma and Indian Territory as another.

Catholic Church Burns.

Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—Holy Rosary Catholic church, largest in the city, was destroyed by fire at noon. Loss, \$50,000. The Lincoln school, adjoining, was damaged \$20,000. The children marched out in an orderly manner through the smoke and all were saved.